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SUBJECT: THAILAND COUP: PROPOSED STATEMENT REGARDING
POSSIBLE USG SANCTIONS

Classified By: Ambassador Ralph L. Boyce, reason 1.4 (b) (d)

1.(U) This is an action request. Please see para 2.

[¶2.](#) (C) Septel discusses post proposals for the suspension of US assistance pursuant to section 508 of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act in response to the September 19th coup. ACTION REQUEST: As soon as Washington reaches a decision on post proposals, we suggest that the following statement be issued.

[¶3.](#) (SBU) BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: In response to the military coup in Thailand, the United States is suspending assistance to the Thai government in a variety of areas, including military assistance.

[¶4.](#) (SBU) We note the stated commitment of the Council for Democratic Reform Under the Monarchy (CDRM) to set up a civilian government within two weeks. We urge that democratic elections be held as soon as possible.

[¶5.](#) (SBU) We believe the Thai people are capable of resolving their political differences in a peaceful manner and in accordance with the principles of democracy and rule of law.
END PROPOSED TEXT.
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